Lady clerks in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

130 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the lady clerks appointed before 30th Meenam 1114, in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No lady clerk was appointed in the office of the Director of Public Instruction before 30th Meenam 1114.

Petitions disposed of by the Conciliation Officers.

131 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of petitions for conciliation of debts disposed of by the Conciliation Officers in the State and the number of cases in which agreements have been registered between the debtors and the creditors.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: *The statement furnishing the Information is laid on the table.

Increment of pay to Government servants in the scale of Rs. 15 to 20.

132 *MR. M. KESAVA PANICKAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the case of Government servants in the scale of Rs. 15 to 20 some are given increment of pay once in two years, and others once in three years;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what is the reason for this difference; and

(*c*) whether there is a proposal to make it uniform?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The scales of pay of the various posts are fixed with reference to the nature of their duties and the responsibilities attached thereto, which are not uniform in all cases.

(*c*) the answer is in the negative.

MR. M. KESAVA PANICKER: May I know the number of Government servants affected by the three years increment rule.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I am not in a position to give the exact number.

MR. M. KESAVA PANICKER: May I know the approximate number?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I claim notice.

PRESIDENT: If these questions are repeated, I have no doubt, the Financial Secretary will give the information.

Primary School Headmasters.

133 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether teachers who have passed the Malayalam Higher and E. S. L. C. Examinations are appointed as Primary School Headmasters; and

(*b*) if so, whether any percentage has been fixed between them and the Malayalam Lower trained teachers for promotion as Primary School Headmasters?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 75 percent of the vacancies for the Tamil and Malayalam School Leaving Certificate Holders and 25 per cent. for Malayalam and Tamil Higher and E.S. L. Certificate holders in the proportion of 2: 1.

* *Vide* Appendix VII.

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